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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL
FOR THE FAR EAST

No. 1.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

and ors.

- AGAINST -

ARAKI, SADAO, and ors.

I, FREDERICK HUGH BASHFORD, make oath and say as follows:

1. My Army number is NX70685: rank, Chaplain/Captain: full name, Frederick Hugh Bashford: 2/4 CCS. AIF: home address. 3 Wyargine Flats. The Esplanade, Balmoral, New South Wales.

2. On 15.3.43 at THAMBYUZAYAT Camp, I interviewed POW No.2867, Pte BELL A.J., AIF. At that time he was confined after being recaptured following his escape on 12.2.43. At that time he had no knowledge that he was under sentence of death, nor did I have any such knowledge. He was, in fact, executed at 0815 hours on 16.3.43 - the day after I interviewed him. So far as I am aware he was given no trial.

3. About 14 days prior to 13.12.42, the undermentioned Dutch personnel escaped from Japanese captivity from WEGALIE Camp (approximately 8 kms from Thambyuzayat):-

Capt. J. H. W. De ROOEMENT
Capt. F. A. M. HARTELINK
Lt. G. A. LERMANNS

4. These officers were subsequently captured; the officers were executed by a firing party under Lt. NAITO about 0815 hours on 13.12.42.

5. On 27.12.42, the undermentioned Dutch personnel were executed for escaping from WEGALIE Camp:-

Sgt. Th. H. VAN HAASEN
Pte. A.N.J. VREDEVOOGD
Pte H. F. NEILESEN

6. On 13.12.42 NX69005 Pte WHITFIELD G.H., AIF, arrived at Thambyuzayat Camp. He had escaped some weeks before from Kandaw camp, roughly 4½ kilometres from Thambyuzayat. Our Medical officers were of opinion that Whitfield was not mentally sound. Brigadier Varley interviewed Naito for the purpose of discovering what would be the punishment of a man who escaped and gave himself up, but not being mentally sound. Naito informed the Brigadier that such a man would not be shot. Whitfield was not confined but allowed to remain in the hospital hut.

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7. Shortly before 1100 hours on 14.12.42, a party of Japanese arrived at this hut, asked which was Whitfield, and upon being told that Whitfield was "outside boiling a billy", the man who was boiling the billy and who was, in fact, Whitfield, was seized and his hands tied behind his back, and his eyes blindfolded and the man immediately taken to the place of execution - a cemetery nearby - and executed a few minutes later. There was no semblance of a trial. I conducted the burial service over his remains on that day.]

SWORN before me at Sydney

on the Fourth day of September, 1946. (Sgd) F. H. BASHFORD

/s/ A. J. Mansfield
Judge of Supreme Court of Queensland.

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私フレテリック。ヒュー。バッシュフォードハ正規ノ通り宣傳ノ上次ノ通り陳述致シマス

一、自分ノ國軍者號ハヨヌ第七〇六八五番、階級ハ隊列少尉大尉、姓名ハフレテリック。ヒュー。バッシュフォード、英帝國漢洲軍野戰第四團偏病院第二班所屬、故地ノ住所ハ新南ウエールス、バルモラルエスプラント、ワイアジン。フラツツ三番テアリマス。

二、一九四三年（昭和十八年）三月十五日タンブイエサヤト收容所ニ於テ自分ハ捕虜番號二八六七A・D・E・F・G兵卒（英帝國漢洲軍）ニ面會シマシタ。

當時彼ハ一九四三年（昭和十八年）二月十二日ノ逃亡カラ捕ヘラレテ監禁シテおマシタ。其時彼ハ死刑ノ宣告下ニアルト云フコトニシイテ何モ知ラシカツタシ、自分モソノヤウナコトハ何モ知リマセントシタ。處方箋ハ實ハ私ガ彼ニ食ツタ次ノ日、即チ一九四三年（昭和十八年）三月十六日午前八時十五分ニ死刑ニ處セラレタノアリマス。自分ノ知ツテキル程リテハ、彼ハ何等處ニスルヲアリマス。

三、一九四三年（昭和十八年）十一月十三ノ約
十二月十四年（昭和十九年）十一月十三ノ約
タンヴィユーヴヤットカラ紙ハ紙36點ノ日

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本車ノ監禁ヨリ逃亡シマシタ。

J・H・W・D・ロー ヘメント大尉

F・A・M・ハーリング大尉

G・A・ヘルマンズ中尉

四、是等ノ將領ハ後ニ捕ヘラレマシタ。ソシテ彼等ハ一九四二年(昭和十七年)十二月十三日午前八時十五分ナイトワ中尉指揮下ノ機関執行隊ニ依ツテ就寝サレマシタ。

五、一九四二年(昭和十七年)十二月二十七日、下記ノ細兵ガウエガリト懲容所監禁ノ席テ死期ヲ執行サレマシタ。

T・H・フォン・ハーゼン軍曹

A・N・J・フレーテフォクト兵卒

H・R・ホルセン兵卒

六、天帝國軍訓軍、G・H・ヴィットフィールド兵卒(№X六九〇〇五三)ハ一九四二年(昭和十七年)十二月十三日タンヴィユーズヤット懲容所ニ到着シマシタ。彼ハカンドウ懲容所カラ獄窓間面逃亡シテキタノテスル、ソノ懲容所ハサンヴィユーズヤットカラ約四軒生門レテキマシタ。我々ノ軍団達ノ意見ニ依ルト、ウイットフィールドハ精神ニ異常ヲ示シテキルト云フコトテシタ。ヴァーリイ代將ハ處走シテ自首シタル男、而モソレガ精神異常者ノ場合ノ問題ハ何テアル

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ウハ代將ニ斯カル男ハ誠懇サレナイト言ヒマシ
タ。ホイットフイルドハ監禁サレズニ病室ニ
置ル事ヲ許サレマシタ。

七、一九〇二年（昭和十七年）十二月十四日午前
十一時少シ前、日本人ノ一國ガ此ノ病室ニ到着
シテ、何レガホイットフイルドテアルカヲ訊
ネタ處カ、外テ茶ヲ飲ムカシテキル長ダト聞カサ
レタノテ、實際其茶ヲ飲ムカシテキタホイットフ
イルドハ端ヘラレ、從手ニ解ラレ、ソシテ目
懸シラサレ、直様近クノ墓場ノ死刑執行場ニ運
ヒテ行カレ、數分後ニ處カサレマシタ。此判、
如キモノハ何等アリマセンテシタ。

自分ハ其ノ日、彼ノ遺骸ノ運び式ヲ司リマシタ。

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